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WASHINGTON, June 25, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 19 totaled an estimated 16.0 billion ton-miles, 14.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 401.1 billion ton-miles, 8.8 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 19 totaled 373,048 cars, 14.7 percent below 1981, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 11.5 percent in the East, 13.0 percent in the South, and 17.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 10,993 cars, or 9.9 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups declined from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 12 totaled 37,937 cars, up an estimated 10.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 65,314 trailers and/or containers, 6.5 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 848,330 cars, 8.1 percent higher than last year, and 1,510,493 trailers and/or containers, up 6.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/19/82:

	Loadings in Week ended June 19, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	23,677	D	4,009	14.5	D	417	1.7
Other farm products	4,736	I	670	16.5	D	188	3.8
Metallic ores	14,853	D	22,894	60.7	D	227	1.5
Coal	121,614	I	10,993	9.9	I	3,179	2.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,314	D	3,400	24.8	D	36	0.3
Nonmetallic minerals	8,308	D	4,893	37.1	D	815	8.9
Grain mill products	11,276	D	2,549	18.4	I	35	0.3
Food and kindred products	12,896	D	1,992	13.4	D	226	1.7
Primary forest products	15,918	D	2,870	15.3	I	157	1.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,704	D	2,164	24.4	D	26	0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,253	D	3,235	16.6	I	380	2.4
Chemicals and allied products	21,144	D	4,990	19.1	D	591	2.7
Petroleum products	4,719	D	135	2.8	I	188	4.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,383	D	3,657	26.0	D	120	1.1
Coke	4,316	D	2,882	40.0	D	231	5.1
Metals and products	8,629	D	7,468	46.4	D	235	2.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,542	D	2,220	11.2	I	227	1.3
Waste and scrap materials	7,938	D	4,642	36.9	D	461	5.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,824	D	828	8.6	I	535	6.5
All other carloads	42,731	D	1,072	2.4	D	1,725	3.9
LCL traffic	273	I	52	23.5	I	14	5.4
Total Cars Loaded	373,048	D	64,185	14.7	D	583	0.2
Corresponding week of 1981	437,233						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	9,321,986	10,314,446	D 9.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
24 Weeks cumulative	385.2	421.3	D 8.6
Week ended June 19	16.0	18.6	D 14.4
25 Weeks cumulative	401.1	439.9	D 8.8

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